

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**

**Guidelines for License Applications**

Specific Licenses for Religious Organizations

The Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 (the "Regulations"), prohibit persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction from engaging in all unlicensed transactions in which Cuba or a Cuban national has an interest including transactions related to travel to, within, and from Cuba.

Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 515.566(a)(copy attached) of the Regulations, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) will consider on a case-by-case basis the issuance of long-term specific licenses to religious organizations located in the United States, authorizing the organizations and individuals and groups affiliated with the organizations to engage, under the auspices of the organization, in transactions involving religious activities in Cuba.

Upon receipt of a specific license by a religious organization, individuals and organizations affiliated with the religious organization are authorized to engage for two years in travel-related transactions set forth in § 515.560(c)(copy attached) and such additional transactions as are directly incident to a full-time program of religious activities in Cuba. The license issued to the religious organization will require that the organization provide a letter to each affiliated individual traveling under the license citing the number of the organization's specific license and confirming that the traveler is affiliated with the organization and is traveling to Cuba to engage in religious activities under the auspices of the organization. The specific license must be renewed after a period of two years.

License applications may be prepared in letter format and should include the following information:

- 1) A request for a license under 31 C.F.R. § 515.566 authorizing individuals affiliated with the religious organization to engage in transactions directly incident to

religious activity in Cuba under the auspices of the religious organization.

- 2) A description of the range of religious activities (including examples of religious activities) to be undertaken by the persons traveling under the auspices of the organization.
- 3) A statement describing the religious character of the organization, e.g., affiliation.
- 4) The address of the religious organization, including the name and phone number of the person to contact should questions arise concerning the application.

NOTE: A religious organization's long-term specific license authorizes transactions by any individuals or groups affiliated with the organization. Thus, an application for such a license need not include the names of prospective travelers.

The letter of application shall be mailed to:

Office of Foreign Assets Control  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
909 Southeast First Ave #736  
MIAMI, FL 33131

Questions should be directed to the OFAC-Miami office at (305) 810-5140.